

# County Estimates

*County estimates are an integral part of agricultural statistics. These estimates provide data to compare acres, production, and yield in different counties within the State of Utah. Crop county estimates play a major role in Federal Farm Program payments and crop insurance settlements, thus, directly effecting many farmers and ranchers. A cooperative agreement between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA provides funding in support of county estimates contained in this publication.*

County estimates may be downloaded in .CSV file format by accessing the NASS homepage at <http://www.usda.gov/nass> and selecting "On-line DATA BASE" or "Anonymous FTP". ("Anonymous FTP" gives the user more versatility in selecting multiple years and commodities.)

Box Elder was the "Number one" county in **total grain production** (wheat, barley, oats, and corn) followed by Cache, Millard, Utah, and Davis Counties. These five counties accounted for 71 percent of the 2002 grain production. Box Elder was also "number one" in **acres of small grain planted** (wheat, barley, oats) followed by Cache, Utah, San Juan, and Millard Counties. These five counties accounted for 64 percent of the 2002 small grain acreage.

Box Elder County was the State's largest producer of **winter wheat** producing 59 percent of the State total. Cache County ranked second followed by Utah, Davis and Millard Counties.

**Other spring wheat** production was also dominated by Box Elder County followed by Cache, Millard, Utah, and Davis Counties.

**Barley** production was led by Cache County followed Millard, Box Elder, Utah, and Sanpete County.

Box Elder was the "Number one" producer of **oats** in the State followed by Cache, Utah, San Juan, and Millard Counties.

**Corn for grain** production was led by Box Elder followed by Utah, Millard, Uintah, and Davis Counties. Box Elder County led in production of **corn silage** followed by Cache, Millard, Utah, and Weber Counties.

**Alfalfa hay** production was led by Iron County followed by Millard, Box Elder, Cache, and Duchesne Counties. Rich was the leading county in **other hay** production followed by Box Elder, Duchesne, Utah, and Cache.

Cattle and sheep are in different locations (including counties and states) at different times of the year. The January 1 cattle and sheep county estimates include the livestock in the county where the headquarters ranch is located.

Box Elder County had the largest inventory of **cattle and calves** as of January 1, 2003 followed by Cache, Millard, Utah, and Duchesne. Cache County continued as the major county for **milk cows** with almost twice the number as Millard which ranked in second place. Box Elder, Utah, and Sanpete were also major dairy counties.

Sanpete was once again the "Number one" **sheep** county. Other major sheep producing counties were Box Elder, Summit, Iron and Utah. The top five counties accounted for 63 percent of the total.

Beaver County was the "Number one" 2002 **total cash receipts** county. Box Elder was second followed by Cache, Davis and Carbon. Beaver was the leading county for **livestock cash receipts** followed by Box Elder, Cache, Davis and Carbon. **Crops cash receipts** were topped by Beaver County followed by Box Elder, Cache, Davis and Carbon counties.